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Dear Mr May - Your letter was a very great
satisfaction to us - I say us for you are
a great favorite with Mrs Webb and the
particulars you give us of matters and things
are always just such as we wish to hear.
As to Walt Whitman I have no idea of
giving a fancy price for his book which I heard
of as an outrageous production of the wildest
kind & merely wished to see as a specimen
of eccentricity. Mr Higginson is quite
right about the Englishwoman Journal. I have
no doubt he can get it as cheap in New
York as I could send it for. Beside the nos.
I sent him by Anne Weston, I sent two by
a lady who is going to live in Brooklyn &
which I hope have reached him through you.
The cost of each no. is one shilling. I have
just been writing a long letter to Anne W.
Weston & a shorter one to Mrs Chapman.
which last contained a draft for £127

on account of the subscription. The whole
of the money that I have heard of is about
£200 which is a good sum to get without
drawback - & I suppose she has heard
of many other sums that never reached
my ears. The Wintons are all convinced
that the plan is good - & it is good if for
no other reason that it saves them a great
deal of wear & tear.

You see I have put a good part of
your letter into the Advocate - and it was
extremely welcome on this account as
well as for the pleasure of hearing from
you again. I am sorry that ill health &
the lameness which indicates or accompanies
loss of bodily vigour. I have been well
in health for the last year but have had
many anxieties of one kind or other
which have taken up my time & thoughts
to such a degree that I have written as
little as possible & have had so little time

thanks for writing that I found each
recurring reminder of the advocate a
burden from the necessity of saying something
of my own. It is a great refreshing to
have something from your side that gives
an air of authority to the poor little
pages - and I am always very grateful
when it comes. - I got the Report of
the Rutland Convention & the pamphlets
accompanying it for which I am obliged.
You may be sure that I will be heartily glad to
~~hear of~~ see your cousin S. J. May as one
whom I have long loved & respected - though
it is the simple truth that with the natural
preference of elderly folk for their old friends
I could rather it was ~~himself~~ that was
likely to be here. I wonder who he came to
Inland - for it is very common for Irish
countrymen to give us dearest welcome
of their ~~countrymen~~ company. I had
a letter today from Anne written by Ca-
roline Weston in which she anticipates

his arrival with cordial pleasure.

I am sure it would greatly interest
H. C. Wright if you could let him know
of the marriage of his friend my wife's
sister Maria Waring to a very estimable
man in Waterford a little older than
herself and who although not a Quaker
has been welcomed with affection
into the family. My letter I have
nothing very new to report about. The
last time I heard from her she had
several guests in her little box of a
home which glazes in the high land-
ing talks of Herford House, ~~near~~ Dard-
ham Down, near Bristol. I would like
to have heard something from you of
E. Quincy & more particularly you could
give me of the poor bereaved parents
he & his Waterston - Mrs Webb who
lives beside my desire has best wishes
to be joined with them if ever our truly
Rich Webb